

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 30-A: MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES
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Chapter 202: AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP
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§5052. DESIGNATION OF URBAN HOUSING ZONES

The state authority, in consultation with the council, may establish 4 demonstration housing opportunity zones, each comprised of a different municipality or portion of a municipality. These demonstration zones serve as a means of determining the effectiveness of zones as a tool stimulating residential revitalization in deteriorating neighborhoods. [2005, c. 380, Pt. B, §9 (AMD).]

1. Standards for zones. The state authority, by rules adopted in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, shall establish standards for the selection of areas to be designated as zones and the provision of assistance to those zones. At a minimum, the state authority shall apply the following standards.

A. The zones must be located in urban areas experiencing significant deterioration in residential neighborhoods. [1989, c. 601, Pt. B, §4 (NEW).]

B. All areas wishing to be designated as zones must demonstrate actual or potential local capacity for residential revitalization and the willingness to cooperate with the state authority. [1991, c. 610, §21 (AMD).]

C. The level of general assistance by the State and the municipality, as well as the level of federal assistance to persons in these areas, must be considered. [1991, c. 610, §21 (AMD).]

D. All municipalities requesting zone designation for areas within the municipality must have a local housing alliance which shall help develop a plan of action to revitalize deteriorating residential dwellings and neighborhoods. The plan must address the major problems of these deteriorating areas, including a law enforcement component to significantly reduce crime in these areas. [1991, c. 610, §21 (AMD).]

In applying these standards, the state authority shall also consider the problem of crime in these areas.

[1991, c. 610, §21 (AMD) .]

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